

Serial Number: Not Yet Assigned

Reissue of U.S. Patent No. 6,257,893

Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned

REMARKS

By the present amendment, the claims have been amended to correct typographical errors in claim dependencies in the issued patent as follows:

- Col. 9, line 39: Claim 10 now depends on claim 17 instead of claim 8.
- Col. 9, line 58: Claim 11 now depends on claim 20 instead of claim 8.
- Col. 10, line 9: Claim 12 now depends on claim 6 instead of claim 8.
- Col. 10, line 56: Claim 15 now depends on claim 18 instead of claim 13.

It is respectfully submitted that the error and its correction are immediate, as issued claims 10, 11 and 12 were erroneously identical to claim 9 and issued claim 15 was erroneously identical to claim 14. Correct dependencies were indicated in the Preliminary Amendment of April 1, 1999.

Further, it is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of the response period. Please charge the fee for such extension and any other fees which may be required to our Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

WESTERMAN, HATTORI, DANIELS & ADRIAN, LLP



Nicolas E. Seckel
Attorney for Applicants
Reg. No. 44,373

Atty. Docket No. 990304RI

1250 Connecticut Avenue NW Suite 700

Washington, D.C. 20036

Tel: (202) 822-1100

Fax: (202) 822-1111

Customer No.: 38834

NES:rep